

LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

2025

Report

to the Community



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A Message from the Interim President

It is my distinct pleasure to share the remarkable progress and success stories currently defining Lower Columbia College (LCC). Our community remains at the heart of everything we do, and this past year has provided much to celebrate.

Unprecedented Growth and Support

We begin with a profound note of gratitude. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and community partners, our recent \$15 million “Opportunity Can’t Wait” Campaign has been an outstanding success. These contributions are more than financial gifts; they are investments in the future of our students and the economic vitality of our region.

Transforming Our Campus

If you have visited our campus recently, you have likely seen the heavy equipment and shifted traffic patterns along 15th Avenue. These are the signs of progress as we move forward with the construction of the new Center for Vocational and Transitional Studies. This state-of-the-art facility will provide our students with the modern environment they need to master the trades and skills of tomorrow.

Academic Excellence and Innovation

LCC continues to expand its academic horizons to meet the needs of the modern workforce. This fall, we proudly introduced our fourth bachelor’s degree program: the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS). This joins our existing applied baccalaureate programs in Teacher Education, Nursing, and Organizational

Leadership and Technical Management. Additionally, we have launched a new degree in Automation, Instrumentation, and Robotics, alongside several new employment-oriented fitness certificates, ensuring our curriculum remains responsive to industry demands.

A Thriving Student Body

Our campus is more vibrant than ever. Following a nearly 16% increase in enrollment last year, we are once again seeing double-digit growth this academic year. This trend underscores the essential role LCC plays in our community. As we prepare for our 90th annual commencement ceremony this spring, we conservatively estimate that LCC has now produced well over 10,000 college graduates—a testament to over nine decades of academic dedication.

Looking Ahead

In closing, I want to reflect on our enduring mission. Like all institutions of higher education, LCC has navigated various challenges and triumphs. Throughout it all, we remain collectively committed to the success of our students and the enrichment of our community. We could not do this work without you, and we are eternally grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kristen Fimmel



Dr. Kristen Fimmel

Opportunity Can't Wait Campaign



Sheila Timm



Stephen Fuller

We are thrilled to announce that we have officially surpassed our **\$15 million goal** for the **Opportunity Can’t Wait** campaign!

This milestone is a testament to your unwavering belief in Lower Columbia College. Because of your generosity, the College is prepared to make transformational progress on all three pillars of the campaign: empowering

Sheila Timm
Foundation Director of
Development & Major Gifts

students through scholarship and grant opportunities, leading change by improving facilities for student athletes, and driving innovation by advancing workforce programs in the new vocational center.

Whether you contributed a financial gift, volunteered your time, or shared our mission with others, you have played a vital role in this success. We look forward to sharing the tangible impact of these funds as they go to work on LCC’s campus. Because Opportunity Can’t Wait, your support ensures that we aren’t just dreaming of a better future; we are building it!

Stephen Fuller
Chair, LCC Foundation Board

LCC Foundation names Richard Nau, MD, as Benefactor of the Year

The Lower Columbia College Foundation has named Dr. Richard Nau as the 2025-26 Benefactor of the Year. Benefactor honorees have a history of providing financial support to the foundation and/or significant volunteer service to the college. Most notably, contributions from honorees have substantially impacted college programs, students, and the community.

“It is with distinct pleasure that we announce and honor Dr. Richard Nau as this year’s Lower Columbia College Benefactor of the Year,” said Steve Fuller, LCC Foundation Board Chair. “His gifts reflect his pride in the community and highlight the critical importance of higher education,” he added.

Dr. Richard Nau’s journey from a small-town upbringing in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to a career in medicine is rooted in service.

Dr. Richard Nau is a distinguished Eagle Scout and veteran. He earned degrees in geochemistry and geophysics from Penn State University before completing his medical degree at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. During the Vietnam War, Dr. Nau entered the Army as a Second Lieutenant while in his final year of medical school. Over his nine-year military career, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. While completing his pathology internship and residency at Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, he concurrently served as a teacher and director for the hospital’s cytotechnology program.

While living in San Antonio, Dr. Nau and his former wife adopted two children, son Mark and daughter Jennifer. In 1974, he moved his family to Longview. Dr. Nau worked in private practice as a certified specialist in pathology and taught lab technologists in Longview through an education program run by St John’s Hospital. His career in the local community spanned 23 years.

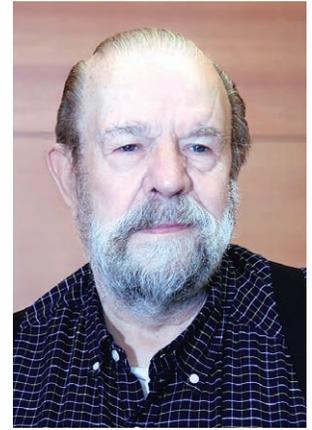
Although not officially affiliated with LCC, Dr. Nau’s unwavering commitment has made him a vital benefactor for the college and our local community. While his philanthropy includes projects like the Richard Nau Hospice House, his most significant contribution is his devotion to the Student Success Fund, an initiative that provides emergency resources to ensure students facing financial hardship can continue their education. Inspired by former LCC President Chris Bailey’s 500-mile fundraising walk in 2015, Dr. Nau’s landmark contributions of over \$600,000 helped establish the

Student Success Fund as a permanent endowment. Moved by the resilience of students needing a small “hand up,” his generosity and leadership sparked a community-wide movement. This has culminated in a \$1 million legacy fund dedicated to supporting future generations of LCC students. Dr. Nau’s support ignited a community-wide movement, growing the fund into

a \$1 million legacy that guarantees students a future where education isn’t cut short by financial crises.

“I want to leave the world a better place than how I found it,” says Dr. Nau, a personal philosophy that drives his investment in the community. In 2024, LCC recognized this dedication by naming the Nursing Simulation Laboratory on the second floor of the Health Science Building in his honor.

Dr. Richard Nau will be honored at a Foundation Celebration in Fall 2026.



“LCC is grateful for the opportunity to honor Dr. Nau for his contributions and honored to recognize the importance of his contributions to education and our local community. His generosity will have a profound and lasting impact for generations to come,” said LCC Interim President Dr. Kristen Finnel.

Meet Flare – the LCC Red Devils Mascot

Born on May 19, 2025—fittingly, *National Devil’s Food Cake Day*—Flare blazed onto the Lower Columbia College campus with spark, spirit, and serious style.

More than just a mascot, Flare is the fiery force behind Red Devil pride. With a wickedly adorable grin and energy that ignites every event, Flare rallies the crowd at games, celebrates student successes, and brings fun and flair to everything LCC. Whether it’s game day or graduation, Flare makes



every moment sizzle.

Dressed in bold LCC red and blue (with a touch of flame, of course), Flare is here to cheer, charm, and champion the entire LCC family. Wherever Flare goes, school spirit follows—because with Flare leading the way, LCC always brings the heat!

The Flare mascot redesign campaign received a Bronze Medallion award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations in fall 2025.
Go Red Devils!



LCC's All-Washington Academic Scholars Recognized

Reigha Niemeyer, Angelica Reyes-Ramirez, and Melia Tanninen, Lower Columbia College's 2025 All Washington Academic Team members, were recognized at a ceremony in Lacey, WA, on April 24th.



Reigha Niemeyer's career goal is to become a Kindergarten teacher. She is studying elementary education and will transfer to a university to pursue a teaching degree after receiving her Associate of Arts in June. Reigha plays for LCC's highly successful women's basketball team. In her free time, she works on community cleanup projects and volunteers at local elementary schools.



Angelica Reyes-Ramirez is studying Business Management and graduated in June 2025. Following graduation, she will continue her education at LCC to obtain a degree in Administrative Services Management. Her career goal is to own a business specializing in fashion and beauty. Angelica has volunteered as an assistant coach for the Longview Soccer Club and actively participates in her church choir. When she's not studying, Angelica enjoys pickleball, floral arranging, and playing in a band.

and volunteers at local elementary schools.



Melia Tanninen's passion for nursing was sparked at 18 when her father suffered a massive stroke. She is now an aspiring nurse, graduating with a Pre-Nursing AA degree this spring. She plans to attend either LCC or WSU to receive an RN and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). When she is not studying, Melia volunteers as a medical receptionist at a mental health clinic. She loves to travel and has been to 19 countries.

The All-Washington Academic Team program is a showcase for Washington's community and technical colleges because it honors the academic high achievers: students who have demonstrated a commitment to success in the classroom and in the communities where they live. This recognition demonstrates the state's commitment to scholarship and community service on the part of those attending the state's public community and technical colleges.

State team members are nominated by their community college presidents. Each All-Washington Academic Team member typically receives a scholarship funded by program sponsors (funding in any given year is determined by program sponsors). The state's public baccalaureate institutions and several private colleges also offer scholarships to award-winning transfer students.

Congratulations!



Lower Columbia College was honored with the **Large Business of the Year Award** at the Kelso-Longview Chamber's Crystal Apple Awards on May 1, 2025.

In addition, several members of the LCC community were individually recognized for their outstanding contributions:

- **Ashley Cahill** – Higher Education Faculty of the Year
- **Nicole Buffham** – Higher Education Support Staff of the Year
- **Alice Dietz, LCC Trustee** – Crystal Apple Community Leadership Award



Class of 2025 Tenured Faculty

Congratulations to (Back row, left to right) Jessica Kooiman, Shane Prine, Kimberly Beebe, Larissa Arnold, Kali Drumm, Becky Grabenhorst, Natalie Tonn, (Front row, left to right) Amy Boultinghouse, and Natasha Allen on receiving tenure from the LCC Board of Trustees on March 19, 2025. We appreciate your hard work and dedication!

Another “Banner” Year For LCC Athletics

It’s hard to beat perfection.

Nobody’s perfect, but the 2025 Lower Columbia College softball became the first NWAC conference team to go undefeated for the season. The Red Devils went 48-0 and took the 2025 championship with a victory over the Everett Trojans.

“It was a dream season”, said head coach Traci Fuller. “Our team was talented and relentless and we all pulled together to make it a season nobody will ever forget.”

It was the 11th softball conference championship for Lower Columbia, but the Devils had never been defeated. It was such a dominant year that LCC won a mind-boggling 38 of their games via the “mercy rule” where games are shortened when up by eight runs or more.

The softball team wasn’t the only LCC team to capture the NWAC Championship. The men’s basketball team went on a great run to end the season, defeating Southwestern Oregon in the championship game in Pasco. Head coach Mickey Polis saw his team win 13 straight games to end the season, snapping a 20-year championship drought.

“I’m really proud of this group”, said Polis. “We

went through a stretch where we lost three of five games. The guys made a commitment to defense, and each other, and we were able to get that elusive championship. It was special.”

The two championships were the headliners, but all of the LCC teams had tremendous seasons.

The LCC women’s basketball team won the West Region title and advanced to the NWAC Sweet 16.

The Red Devil baseball team set the school record with 45 victories while taking the West championship.

With new coach Troy Shorey taking over the volleyball program from retiring Carri Smith, he kept the standard high and the Devils advanced to the NWAC Regional playoffs.

And the LCC women’s soccer team won a third straight West Region championship, but was upset in the NWAC Quarter finals in an overtime heartbreaker.

Six teams, five West Region championships and two NWAC overall champions.

Not bad. Great actually.



Class of 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees



Johnna Ballard Steenkolk
Women’s Basketball
1991-92; 1992-93



Scott Lucas
Men’s Basketball & Baseball
1991-92; 1992-93



Steve Rooklidge
Baseball 1991-92



Misty Velke
Softball 2000



Jennifer Lybrand Butcher
Softball 1999; 2001



Bob Rose
Baseball/Contributor
1967-1968

1992 Championship Baseball Team

2000 Championship Softball Team

2001 Championship Softball Team

LCC at a Glance*

Enrollment

4,930 Total students
521 Running Start students

Student Intent

38% Transfer students
30% Workforce students
15% Basic Skills students
16% Other students

Demographics

68% Female
1% American Indian/
Alaska Native
3% Asian
3% Black or African American
18% Hispanic or Latino
1% Native Hawaiian or
Other Pacific Islander
8% Two or More Races /
Other Race
66% White
29 Average age

NWAC Varsity Sports

Men's & Women's Basketball
Men's Baseball
Women's Softball, Volleyball,
and Soccer

Facilities

38.75 Acre campus, 26 buildings

Operating Budget for 2024-25

\$35.1 Million

Annual Tuition

\$4,626 Tuition and fees
(2024-25, 36 credits)

Foundation

\$37.98 Million in assets

Employment

480 Total employees
75 Full-time, 129 Part-time faculty
276 Staff including Head Start/
ECEAP employees

*2024-25 data, unless noted

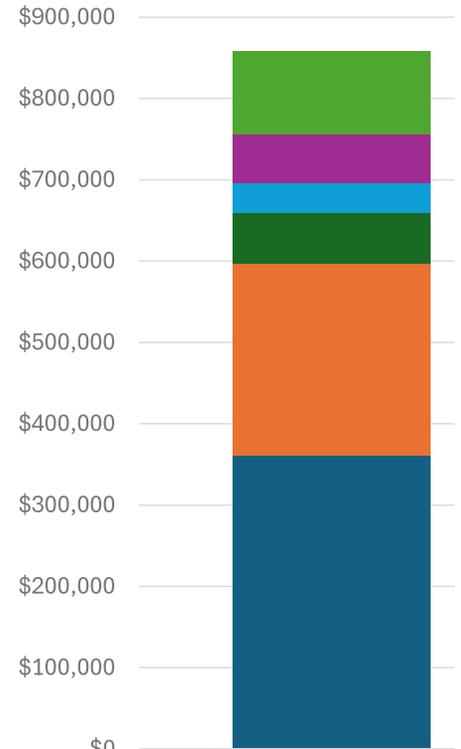
2024-25 Student Support: \$858,244

Students are LCC's reason for being, and support in the form of Foundation and Athletic Scholarships and Student Success grants exceeded \$850,000 during the 2024-25 academic year.

Of the \$858,244 awarded, \$813,100 was used by the recipients. Unused funds remain in the scholarship pool to be awarded in the next cycle.

LCC now offers two scholarship cycles per year - one in the spring, and another in the fall.

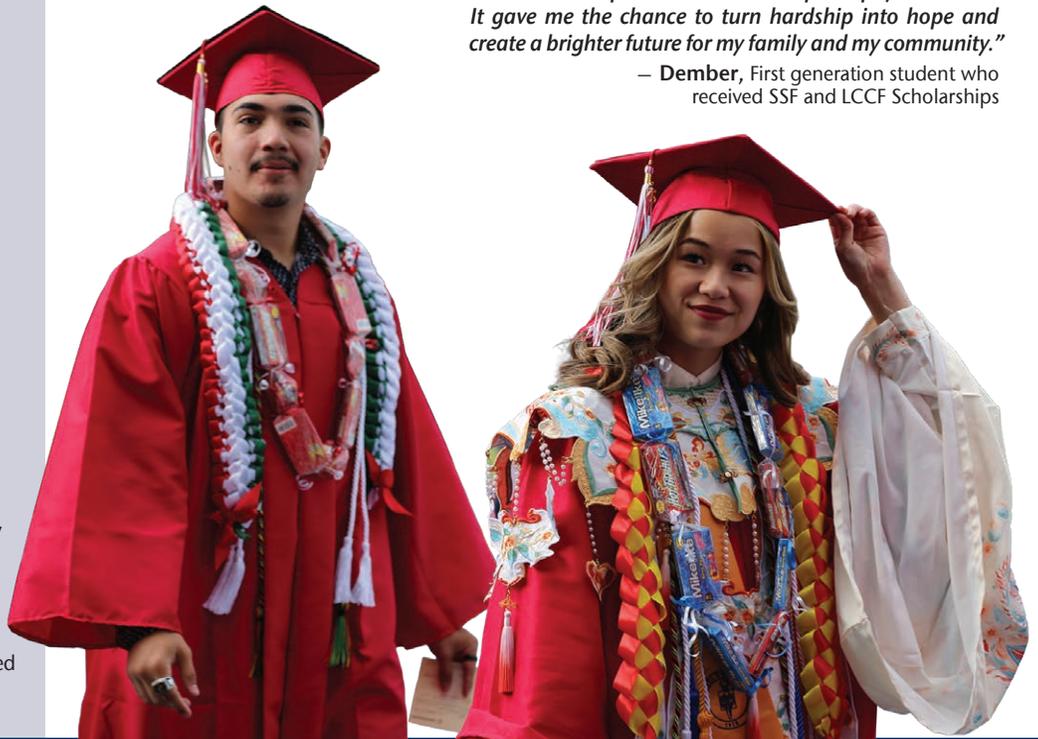
Find out more at
lowercolumbia.edu/scholarships



Types of Scholarships	Amount Awarded
Athletic Scholarships	\$102,440
Student Success Grants	\$59,846
LCC Endowed Scholarships	\$36,345
LCCF Award Scholarships	\$62,456
LCCF Endowed Scholarships	\$236,470
LCCF Annual Scholarships	\$360,687

"This scholarship did more than help me pay for school. It gave me the chance to turn hardship into hope and create a brighter future for my family and my community."

– Dember, First generation student who received SSF and LCCF Scholarships



Max Anderson Named 2025 LCC Alumnus of the Year

Lower Columbia College (LCC) and the Lower Columbia College Foundation (LCCF) named Max Anderson the 2025 LCC Alumnus of the Year. The Alumnus of the Year award recognizes LCC alumni who have made significant contributions to the community and whose accomplishments, relationships, and careers exemplify a legacy of excellence at LCC.

A 1986 graduate of Mark Morris High School, Max began his higher education at LCC, where he played men's soccer for one year before transferring to the University of Washington to earn his Bachelor of Arts. He later received a Juris Doctor from the University of Puget Sound School of Law in 1993. Shortly thereafter, Max returned to his hometown of Longview to begin his career as an investment and financial planning professional. He and his wife, Karen, have been married for 30 years. They have four children: Quinn, Abbie, Brady, and Alice.

Max's involvement with LCC over the years is extensive. He currently serves as the co-chair of the LCCF Opportunity Can't Wait Capital Campaign, the largest fundraising effort in the college's history. Additionally, he acts as the investment advisor for the LCCF, has been a board member of the LCCF, and was appointed by the governor as a trustee of LCC. His passion for soccer runs deep. Max began as a student-athlete on the LCC soccer team and later coached the women's team in 1997 and again from 2002 to 2006. This fall, he returned to volunteer as an assistant soccer coach. Furthermore, Max was the keynote speaker at LCC's Commencement in 2018.

Max's generosity extends beyond sharing his time. Max and his family, including brother John Anderson and wife, Jenna, have made significant monetary contributions totaling over \$115,000 over the years. These donations support the David M. & Mary P. Anderson Endowed Scholarship (in honor of his parents), athletics, unrestricted giving, and student success.

"Reflecting on all the relationships, personal growth, and satisfaction I've experienced over the past 39 years of association with LCC – in so many different capacities – knowing the magnitude of positive impact it has in our community, this is beyond humbling," said Max.

Max Anderson was honored at this year's Lifetime Donor Wall Celebration on November 12, 2025.



How You Can Make a Difference

Driving Innovation Empowering Students Leading Change

LCC has been changing lives in our community for over 91 years. Lives are changed and dreams are realized when students are able to pursue the training and education they need for a successful future. You can help make these dreams come true by donating to the LCC Foundation.

Giving Options

- Cash Gifts
- Pledged Gifts
- Non-Cash Gifts
- IRA Distributions
- Matching Gifts
- Named Gift Opportunities
- Planned Gifts
- Real Estate
- Stocks and Bonds

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For more information or assistance in making a donation, contact the LCC Foundation at foundation@lowercolumbia.edu or 360.442.2130.



Automation Meets Opportunity: Discover LCC's New AIR Program

In fall 2025, Lower Columbia College launched the Automation, Instrumentation, and Robotics (AIR) program to provide high-tech training for Southwest Washington's advanced manufacturing sector. This two-year, 98-credit AAS degree—developed with local industry partners—offers hands-on experience in PLCs (programmable logic controllers) and robotics within the new Center for Vocational and Transitional Studies. Students can earn a stackable one-year certificate in Industrial Maintenance or transition seamlessly into LCC's BAS in Organizational Leadership and Technical Management, creating a direct pipeline to high-demand careers in Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.



Opportunity Can't Wait: A Campaign Fulfilled

As of December 31, 2025, the *Opportunity Can't Wait* campaign reached, and exceeded, its ambitious \$15 million goal. This milestone reflects extraordinary generosity from alumni, families, businesses, and community partners who believe deeply that investing in Lower Columbia College students is an investment in the future of our region.

Together with \$42.1 million in public funding, campaign philanthropy is transforming the student experience at LCC —

expanding access to education, strengthening career-connected learning, and improving the spaces where students learn, compete, and belong. This achievement marks not an ending, but a powerful beginning for the next generation of learners.

Turning Investment Into Opportunity

Across three campaign priorities, donor support is already making a meaningful difference for students today, and for our community's workforce tomorrow.



Student Success & Scholarships

Campaign support recognizes that student success requires more than tuition assistance alone. Expanded scholarships and emergency support funds help students overcome barriers related to housing, transportation, food, and unexpected challenges — allowing them to persist, complete their education, and serve their communities.

“Leaning on the support of others made it possible for me to keep moving forward.”

— Courtney Buchanan,
student/scholarship recipient



Athletics & Student Engagement

Campaign investments are creating safer, more equitable, and more competitive athletic environments for student-athletes. From upgraded community-shared fields to new facilities supporting women's softball and soccer, these improvements foster belonging, leadership, and persistence — on the field and in the classroom.

“I am forever grateful for the community at Lower Columbia for believing in me when nobody did.”

— Kyla Pires,
alumna/student-athlete



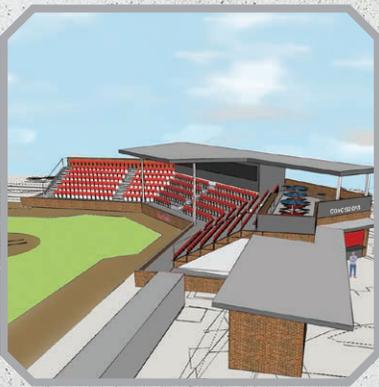
Center for Vocational & Transitional Studies

The new Center for Vocational and Transitional Studies will bring high-demand workforce programs under one roof, replacing outdated facilities and ensuring students train on the same technologies they will encounter in the field. Campaign gifts complement state funding by equipping the Center with modern tools that prepare students for family-wage careers.

“The program prepared me well for my career — and I'm excited about what this new center will mean for future students.”

— Nicole Page,
welding program alumna

Campaign Projects



Photos, clockwise from top left:

1. Softball batting cage / Futsal - Construction for the new softball batting cage and Futsal soccer training facility on the LCC campus is expected to be complete in Spring 2026.
2. The LCC Softball team tours the new softball batting cage.
3. Site work is underway for LCC's new Center of Vocational & Transitional Studies.
4. Completed softball infield turf upgrades to Heerensperger Field at Tam O'Shanter Park.
5. Baseball Stadium Project beginning summer of 2026 - Demolition and construction for the new baseball stadium are scheduled to begin summer 2026.



LCC Dedicates New Welding Lab to Allan Evald

The LCC Foundation is naming its new Welding Lab in memory of Allan Evald, a beloved faculty member who taught at LCC for 25 years.

Located within the upcoming Center for Vocational and Transitional Studies, the Allan Evald Welding Lab will provide students with state-of-the-art equipment to prepare for high-demand careers. Construction began in November to support the program's growing enrollment, which recently surpassed 100 students.

Community members can honor Evald's legacy through the *Opportunity Can't Wait* campaign. Gifts will help equip the lab with cutting-edge technology into the future.

To contribute to the Allan Evald Welding Lab fund, call 360.442.2130, visit lowercolumbia.edu/foundation, or email foundation@lowercolumbia.edu.

Leadership Made Opportunity Possible

This campaign was made possible by the dedication of volunteer leaders who generously shared their time, expertise, and advocacy over three years. Lower Columbia College and the Foundation extend their deepest gratitude to the Board of Trustees, Foundation Board, Campaign Steering Committee, and Alumni and Family Campaign Task Forces whose leadership helped bring *Opportunity Can't Wait* to life.

A full campaign and impact report will be shared with donors and the broader community in the coming months.

Financial Report 2024-2025

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,305,041
Investments	32,250,077
Promises to Give, net	1,700,014
Prepaid Expenses, net	2,082
Vehicles held for resale	17,227
Real Estate held for resale	835,171
Property and Equipment, net	14,710

TOTAL ASSETS \$38,124,322

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	147,241
	<u>147,241</u>

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions

Undesignated	6,510,495
Board-designated for Endowments	399,224

With Donor Restrictions

Purpose, Time or Perpetual Restrictions for the College Purpose Restricted for Endowments	3,950,873
Perpetually Restricted for Endowments	7,130,483
	<u>19,986,006</u>
	<u>37,977,081</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$38,124,322

Income & Expenditures

Income

Contributions & Special Events	\$2,872,661
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Expenditures

Program Support to LCC	
Scholarships	716,909
Grants	123,885
Program Support	733,899
Other	297,418

SUB-TOTAL \$1,872,111

General & Administrative	293,652
Fundraising	159,826

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$2,325,589

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What's your legacy?

Make a lasting impact on future generations by including Lower Columbia College in your estate or financial plans. Your current or future gift may even have tax benefits for you or your loved ones.

Take charge of your financial future today at lowercolumbia.edu/foundation

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Richard & Karen Hardecker	Petters Family Trust	
Dr. David & Jennifer Houten	Dr. Pete & Karen Pickett	
Estate of Carol Johnson	The Honorable Frank L. & Arlene Price	
Nicholas & Barbara Kalinin	Robert E. Quoidbach & Family	



LCC Foundation Endowments

Endowment gifts provide perpetual support for scholarships or other programs according to the intent of the donor. Endowments may be named in honor of loved one or to create a family legacy. The minimum required to establish an endowment is \$25,000, which may be pledged over time. The funds are invested to provide a permanent source of income, while the principal is always protected. Endowments are as of June 30, 2025.

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2024-25 Retirees

It is an honor to welcome the following individuals to the LCC Foundation Retiree Association. Thank you for your combined 265 years of service! Congratulations to each of you!

Susan Bennett BTEC/College & Career Prep Adjunct Faculty 2008-2024	Troy Joiner Industrial Technology Adjunct Faculty 2009-2025
Janette Bolin Head Start 2001-2024	Claudia Moreno College & Career Prep Adjunct Faculty 1999-2024
Alex Emerson Language & Literature Faculty 1994-2025	Tamara Norton Nursing Faculty 1999-2025
Jeanne Hamer Nursing Faculty 1999-2025	Gayle Osborn Head Start 2002-2005
Sue Jackson College & Career Prep Adjunct Faculty 1988-2025	Karla Spromberg Head Start 1983-2025

To learn more about the LCC Retiree Association, please contact Sheila Timm at stimm@lowercolumbia.edu or 360.442.2132

Thank you, Lifetime Donors

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\$500,000 & above

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\$100,000-\$499,999

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Max & Karen Anderson
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Howard Charitable
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